

House Resolution 2020

By: Representatives Thomas of the 55th, Sinkfield of the 60th, Brooks of the 63rd, and Dean of the 59th

A RESOLUTION

- 1 Expressing regret at the passing of Harold Lewis; and for other purposes.
- 2 WHEREAS, on February 23, 2006, the State of Georgia lost one of its finest and most
3 distinguished citizens with the passing of Harold Lewis; and
- 4 WHEREAS, on August 28, 1944, Harold Lewis was born to Henry Leo Lewis and Lillie
5 Mae Little, who preceded him in death; and
- 6 WHEREAS, as a young boy he was educated in the Atlanta Public School System and
7 attended David T. Howard High School; and
- 8 WHEREAS, after high school he bravely fought for his country by joining the United States
9 Marine Corps and serving three tours in Vietnam; and
- 10 WHEREAS, Harold Lewis, affectionately called Brother Askari by his friends, was an artist
11 who dedicated his life to uplifting and strengthening the cultural arts throughout Georgia and
12 the United States; and
- 13 WHEREAS, he loved to travel and devoted his time and resources to enhancing African,
14 African American, and Native American culture; and
- 15 WHEREAS, he was the founding pioneer in establishing vending for small businesses in
16 Atlanta; and
- 17 WHEREAS, Harold Lewis was a loving father who was a great example of what every
18 parent should strive to be; and

1 WHEREAS, he was the proud father of eight children: Michael Lewis, Anthony Lewis
2 (Juanita), Mister Lewis, Saudi Lewis, Ade Lewis, Sundiata Lewis, Atu Lewis, and Jelanie
3 Lewis; and

4 WHEREAS, his family also extended to 12 grandchildren, one great-grandchild, two sisters,
5 two brothers, and a host of nieces, nephews, cousins, and other relatives; and

6 WHEREAS, the passing of this great Georgian leaves an unfillable void in the hearts and
7 lives of his family and friends who will miss his amazing energy and creativity, his great
8 sense of civic responsibility, his phenomenal ability to make everyone he met feel special,
9 and most of all his love and support.

10 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
11 the members of this body express their deepest and most sincere regret at the passing of
12 Harold Lewis.

13 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized
14 and directed to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to the family of Harold Lewis.